

### 3 Relative pronouns

#### Use

- Relative clauses are phrases added to sentences to give extra details about a person or thing. Speakers can explain exactly who or what they are referring to when they use relative clauses.

This is the bag which I bought in the sale last week.

I'm afraid the letter that you sent didn't arrive.

I had a good friend who lived in that street.

- Relative clauses can be used when two sentences are joined.

1 I saw the doctor last night.

2 He was rude.

The doctor **who** I saw last night was rude.

#### Form

- Use **who** for people

I spoke to a receptionist. She was very helpful.  
I spoke to a receptionist **who** was very helpful.

- Use **which** for things.

The bread is always very fresh. I get it at the baker's  
The bread **which** I get at the baker's, is always very fresh

- Use **that** for people and things, especially in more informal speech.

The bread **that** I get at the baker's is always very fresh.  
I spoke to a receptionist **that** was very helpful.

- Use **whose** for when talking about possession

The boy, whose mobile was broken, got left behind

- 1) The car,  driver is a young man, is from Ireland.
- 2) I talked to the girl  car had broken down in front of the shop.
- 3) We often visit our aunt in Norwich  is in East Anglia.
- 4) Mr Richards,  is a taxi driver, lives on the corner.
- 5) Thank you very much for your e-mail  was very interesting.
- 6) What did you do with the money  your mother lent you?
- 7) This is the girl  comes from Spain.
- 8) The man,  father is a professor, forgot his umbrella.
- 9) The children,  shouted in the street, are not from our school.